

# BATTLE READY

STANDING FIRM IN JESUS' STRENGTH

## HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 2: Mar 13th-19th [Online & Erie Campus]

Week 3: Mar 21st [Thornton Campus]

Week 4: Mar 28th [Boulder Campus]

“Step aside, people. I’ve got this.” Pride can be a poison to our lives. An overinflated ego might lead us to make a fool of ourselves. An overconfident zeal might result in spectacular failure. Pride’s greatest danger, though, is far greater than potential embarrassment. No, the threat of pride is when it incites us to opt out of dependence on God. Proud self-sufficiency isolates us and places us squarely in the devil’s playground. Being battle-ready, then, means being aware of pride’s lurking threat to our soul.

Main Texts: Ezekiel 28:1-19; Ephesians 6:10-20 and other various texts

### CONNECT

1. Sometimes it’s good to simply check-in with each other. Use the “HEARTS” acronym below to describe where you’re at emotionally and then explain your answer:

Happy | Excited | Angry | Rested | Tired | Sad

2. What did you find most significant or confusing in this week’s sermon?

### LEARN

3. How would you explain what *pride* is from how the Bible describes it? If you’re able, try to point out specific verses to support your answer.

4. One danger of pride that Thomas emphasized is that it isolates us, both from God and from Christian community. Why is this so dangerous?

5. John Stott said, "Pride is more than the first of the seven deadly sins; it is itself the essence of all sin." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

6. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Where is humility—the antidote to pride—implied or imbedded in the armor of God?

### APPLY

7. What has your experience with pride been like? Have you seen it impact your life somehow?

8. What is the difference between good and bad pride? Is it always wrong to boast?
9. Thomas mentioned how pride elevates us above accountability and draws us into entitlement. How does lack of accountability set us up for disaster? Can you think of any biblical or recent examples? How does entitlement provoke us to sin?

GOING DEEPER (a.k.a., Extra Credit!)

At Calvary, we seek to be a people pursuing holiness—a value of a life lived with Christ. It's also a value that grows out of the soil of humility. One of the ways we grow in pursuing holiness is having someone who has permission to ask us tough questions or give us insights about ourselves that we might otherwise be blind to.

This won't be easy, but prayerfully think about a trusted person in your life who knows you well enough so that you could ask them about their experience of your pride. Do they see a prideful attitude or spirit within you? If so, ask them to be as specific as possible about how and when it shows up. Share with the group who that trusted individual could be and then take the (BOLD!) step to ask!